

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 27 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 27 have been rejected. Claims 1, 8, 12 and 16 have been amended. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1 – 27 stand rejected under Mousseau, U.S. Patent No. 6,779,019 (Mousseau). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention generally relates to an architecture which includes a PC system and a PDA system which independently have access to a communication device, thereby allowing either system to communicate and receive messages regardless of the active state of the other system. Figure 4 shows an example of one such system in which the southbridge controller 110 of the PC and the PDA companion 205 of the PDA are coupled to a communication device 400.

More specifically, the present invention, as set forth by independent claim 1, relates to a mobile computing system. The system includes a common communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the common communication device, a PDA coupled to the common communication device. The PC includes a storage device capable of receiving and storing messages from the common communication device and a personal digital assistant system (PDA). The PDA includes a storage device capable of receiving and storing messages from the common communication device. The storage device of the PC synchronizes messages received from the common communication device with the storage device of the PDA. The PC and the PDA are capable of controlling the common communication device, but one of the PC and the PDA controlling the common-communication device at a given time.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 8, relates to a mobile computing system. The system includes a common communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the common communication device, the PC capable of receiving messages through the common communication device and a personal digital assistant system (PDA) coupled to the common communication device. The PDA is capable of receiving messages through the common communication device and synchronizing the messages received through the common communications device with the PC. The PC and the PDA are capable of

controlling the common communication device, but one of the PC and the PDA controlling the common-communication device at a given time.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 12, relates to a method of clearing and archiving messages in a dual system computer architecture which includes a first computer system coupled to a common communication device and a second computer system coupled to a common communication device. The first computer system and the second computer system are capable of controlling the common communication device with one of the first computer system and the second computer system controlling the common communication device at a given time. The method includes receiving and storing messages by the first computer system to a first memory device, synchronizing the messages with the second computer system, whereby the second computer system archives synchronized messages to a second memory device, and deleting synchronized and archived messages whenever the first memory device is filled.

The present invention, as set forth by independent claim 16, relates to a method of clearing and archiving messages in a dual system computer architecture which includes a first computer system coupled to a common communication device and a second computer system coupled to a common communication device. The first computer system and the second computer system are capable of controlling the common communication device with one of the first computer system and the second computer system controlling the common communication device at a given time. The method includes receiving and storing messages by a first computer system to a first memory device, synchronizing the messages with a second computer system, whereby the second computer system archives synchronized messages to a second memory device, and informing a user whenever the first memory device is filled.

Mousseau disclose pushing user-selected data items from a host system to a user's mobile communication device upon detecting the occurrence of one or more user-defined event triggers is provided. The user may then move the data items to a particular folder within a folder hierarchy stored in the mobile data communication device, or may execute some other system operation on the data item. Software operating at the mobile computer and the host system then synchronizes the folder hierarchy of the mobile device with a folder hierarchy of the host system,

and any actions executed on the data items at the mobile device are then automatically replicated on the same data items stored at the host system.

More specifically, Mousseau discloses a host system 10 that is connected to a local area network 14. The local area network 14 is in turn connected to a wide area network 18. Mousseau further discloses that the mobile communication device 24 is also coupled to the wide area network 18 via a wireless gateway 20. The mobile data communication device 24 includes software that works with the redirector program 12 to enable redirection of user selected data items. (See generally, Mousseau, Col. 9, line 46 – col. 10, line 39.)

Mousseau does not teach or suggest a mobile computing system which includes a common communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the common communication device, a PDA coupled to the communication device, where *the storage device of the PC synchronizes messages received from the common communication device with the storage device of the PDA*, and where *the PC and the PDA are capable of controlling the common communication device, but one of the PC and the PDA controlling the common communication device at a given time*, all as required by independent claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Mousseau. Claims 2 – 7 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Mousseau does not teach or suggest a mobile computing system which includes a common communication device, a personal computing system (PC) coupled to the common communication device, and a personal digital assistant system (PDA) coupled to the common communication device where *the PDA is capable of receiving messages through the common communication device and synchronizing the messages received through the common communications device with the PC* and where *the PC and the PDA are capable of controlling the common communication device, but one of the PC and the PDA controlling the common communication device at a given time*, all as required by independent claim 8. Accordingly, claim 8 is allowable over Mousseau. Claims 9 – 11 depend from claim 8 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Mousseau does not teach or suggest a method of clearing and archiving messages in a dual system computer architecture which includes a first computer system coupled to a common


communication device and a second computer system coupled to a common communication device, *the first computer system and the second computer system are capable of controlling the common communication device with one of the first computer system and the second computer system controlling the common communication device at a given time*, much less such a method which includes receiving and storing messages by the first computer system to a first memory device, synchronizing the messages with the second computer system, whereby the second computer system archives synchronized messages to a second memory device, and *deleting synchronized and archived messages whenever the first memory device is filled*, all as required by independent claim 12. Accordingly, claim 12 is allowable over Mousseau. Claims 13 – 15 depend from claim 12 and are allowable for at least this reason.

Mousseau does not teach or suggest a method of clearing and archiving messages in a dual system computer architecture which includes a first computer system coupled to a *common* communication device and a second computer system coupled to the *common* communication device, *the first computer system and the second computer system are capable of controlling the common communication device with one of the first computer system and the second computer system controlling the common communication device at a given time*, much less such a method which includes receiving and storing messages by the first computer system to a first memory device, synchronizing the messages with a second computer system, whereby *the second computer system archives synchronized messages to a second memory device, and informing a user whenever the first memory device is filled*, all as required by independent claim 16. Accordingly, claim 16 is allowable over Mousseau. Claims 17 – 27 depend from claim 16 and are allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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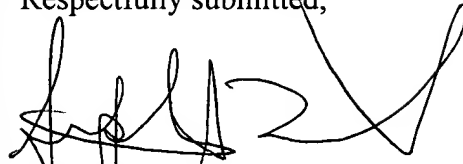


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